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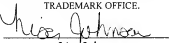
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 27, 2006, and includes the following sections:

1. Introductory Comments, beginning on page 2,
2. Amendments to the Specification, beginning on page 3,
3. Listing of Claims, beginning on page 4,
4. Amendments to the Drawings, beginning on page 6, and
5. Remarks, beginning on page 7.

Should any fee be required for entry of this communication, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This communication is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed on November 27, 2006. Claims 18 and 32-41 are pending in the current application. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the drawings for failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4), objected to claim 35, 36 and 38, and rejected claims 18 and 32-41.

By this Amendment and Response, the Applicant has amended FIGS. 1, 1A, 2, and 2A, and claims 35, 36, and canceled claim 38. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance claims 18, 32-37, and 39-41 in view the amendments and the accompanying Remarks.